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December 1st, 2020

Lisa A. Vest Hearing Officer, Office of the Secretary Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control 89 Kings Highway Dover, DE 19901

RE: Docket #2020-P-0024

Dear Ms. Vest,

We are writing to voice our support for the Diamond State Port Corporation's (DSPC) plan to develop a new container port and its efforts to secure the necessary permits.

The recent deepening of the Delaware River channel to 45 feet, the DSPC's acquisition of the former DuPont and Chemours property in Edgemoor, and the DSPC bringing in GulfTainer as a partner & investor are exciting opportunities for the region.

A container port at Edgemoor will allow the State of Delaware to benefit from the deepening by supporting and creating valuable middle-class jobs in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Specifically, this port will be Delaware's largest infrastructure project in recent memory led by GulfTainer's investment of nearly \$400 million.

We appreciate DNREC's careful review of the environmental impacts and look forward to a successful conclusion that allows the DSPC to move ahead with this project.

Sincerely,

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